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### Crimes Against Children Unit

- WVSP Organizational Change
  - December 1, 2009
  - Efficiently address all crimes against children
  - A gap between technology facilitated crimes and in home abuse
  - Combining these units fills the gap by cross training investigators
  - Allows them to handle all aspects of crimes against children
  - For example...Electronic evidence at child abuse crime scene
  - Now have additional dedicated manpower
    - 18 Troopers assigned to CACU
    - 7 civilian support staff
      - 2 Office Assistants
      - 3 Digital Forensics Analysts
      - 1 Victim Specialist

### Crimes Against Children Unit

- 2012 CACU Statistics
  - 1,713 Calls For Service
  - 665 Investigations
  - 197 People Arrested
  - 900 Charges

# Internet Crimes Against Children Internet Usage

 As of June 2012, 2,405,518,376 people use the Internet daily. A 566.4% growth since

2000.



Internet World Stats, 2012

- More than 30 million children in the United States use the Internet.
- 75 % of 5 year old children use internet daily

# Internet Crimes Against Children What are the Problems?

- Sexual victimization of children is overwhelming in magnitude, yet largely unrecognized and underreported.
- 2 out of 5 missing children, between the ages of 14 and 17, are missing due to Internet activity.
- 1 in 5 girls, and 1 in 10 boys, are sexually exploited before they reach adulthood, yet less than 35% of those child sexual assaults are reported to the authorities
- Approximately one in seven youth online (10 to 17-years-old) received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet.
- Four percent (4%) received an aggressive sexual solicitation a solicitor who asked to meet them somewhere; called them on the telephone; or sent them offline mail, money, or gifts.
- Thirty-four percent (34%) had an unwanted exposure to sexual material -- pictures of naked people or people having sex.
- Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the youth who encountered unwanted sexual material told a
  parent or guardian. If the encounter was defined as distressing episodes that made them feel
  very or extremely upset or afraid forty-two percent (42%) told a parent or guardian.

NCMEC - 2006

## Six 'popular' categories of cyber-crime that directly impact citizens and consumers

- Cyber-terrorism
  - The effect of acts of hacking designed to cause terror.
  - Cyber-terrorism is distinguished from other acts of commercial crime or incidents of hacking by its severity.
  - Attacks against computer networks or the information stored therein which result in "violence against persons or property, or at least cause enough harm to generate fear" are to be considered cyber-terrorism attacks.
    - Mass emails regarding mall attacks and random shootings

## Six 'popular' categories of cyber-crime that directly impact citizens and consumers

- Online Pornography
  - Manufacturing, possessing or distributing child pornography.
  - Distributing pornography of any form to a minor.
  - Sexting and cyberbullying.

#### In Schools

- The Internet can be a unique educational and recreational resource for children, it is important that they are educated about how to safely and responsibly use this powerful tool.
- Need to encourage empowering children through knowledge of the law, their rights, and how best to prevent misuse of the Internet.
  - Cyberstalking, online predators and harmful or inappropriate content
  - Privacy invasions that result from the collection of personally identifiable information; and commercialism and aggressive marketing targeted directly at the young.

## Six 'popular' categories of cyber-crime that directly impact citizens and consumers

- The Internet can open a dangerous window of accessibility for the young who are unaware of the consequences of irresponsible use.
  - » TMI on social networks
  - » It is essential that educators consider how to teach their students about the consequences associated with misusing the Internet.

#### Types of Cyber Crime

#### Obscene or offensive content

- The content of websites and other electronic communications may be distasteful, obscene or offensive for a variety of reasons.
- Many jurisdictions place limits on certain speech and ban racist, blasphemous, politically subversive, libelous or slanderous, seditious, or inflammatory material that tends to incite hate crimes.
- The extent to which these communications are unlawful varies greatly between countries. It is a sensitive area in which the courts can become involved in arbitrating between groups with entrenched beliefs.
- Includes child exploitation, erotica and pornography

#### Types of Cyber Crime

#### Harassment

- Harassment directs obscenities and derogatory comments at specific individuals focusing for example on gender, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation. This often occurs in chat rooms, through newsgroups, and by sending hate e-mail to interested parties. Any comment that may be found derogatory or offensive is considered harassment.
  - » Cyber Bullying
  - » Harassment by computer
  - » Stalking
  - » Fake Emails

### Crimes Involving Electronic Evidence

- Identity Theft
- Online Auction Fraud
- Gambling
- Money Laundering
- Narcotics
- Prostitution
- Hacking
- Network Intrusions

- Virus Distribution
- E-mail Scams
- Theft of Intellectual Property
- Piracy
- Harassment
- Stalking
- Homicide
- Terrorism



Can you name a crime that would not involve electronic evidence?

### **Who Cyber Crime Affects?**

#### Children, Teens, & Young Adults

- Online Activities
- Child Exploitation
- Scams

#### Middle Aged Women & Men

- SPAM, Scams & Viruses
- Fraud
- Identity Theft

#### Seniors

- Identity Theft
- Fraud



### Avenues Criminals Use to Exploit Victims

#### E-mails

SPAM, Scams & Viruses

#### Websites

Bots, Hacks, Fraud & Key Loggers

#### **Social Networking**

- Chatting & Posting Personal Information
  - Identity Theft, Grooming, Hacking & Fraud

### Cyber Crime Statistics

#### Offenders

- 77.4% are male
- Half reside in one of the following states
  - California
  - New York
  - Florida
  - Texas
  - District of Columbia
  - Washington
- Majority (66.1%) are from the U.S.
  - A significant number are located in the United
     Kingdom, Nigeria, Canada, China, and South Africa.

#### Related WV Laws & Sentencing Guidelines

- CHAPTER 61. CRIMES AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.
   ARTICLE 3C. WEST VIRGINIA COMPUTER CRIME AND ABUSE ACT.
  - §61-3C-14. Endangering public safety.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$50,000
    - Imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.
  - §61-3C-14a. Obscene, anonymous, harassing and threatening communications by computer; penalty.
    - Misdemeanor
    - Fined not more than \$500
    - County or regional jail not more than 6 months, or both.
    - Second or subsequent offense
      - Misdemeanor
      - Fined not more than \$1,000
      - Confined in a county or regional jail for not more than 1 year, or both.
  - §61-3C-14b. Soliciting, etc. a minor via computer; penalty.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$5,000
    - 2 to 10 years, or both.

#### ICAC Related WV Laws & Sentencing Guidelines

- ARTICLE 8A. PREPARATION, DISTRIBUTION OR EXHIBITION OF OBSCENE MATTER TO MINORS.
  - §61-8A-2. Distribution and display to minor of obscene matter; penalties; defenses.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$25,000
    - Confined in a state correctional facility for not more than 5 years, or both.
  - §61-8A-4. Use of obscene matter with intent to seduce minor.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$25,000
    - Confined in a state correctional facility for not more than 5 years, or both.
    - Second and each subsequent commission of such offense
      - Felony
      - Fined not more than \$50,000
      - Confined in a state correctional facility for not more than 10 years, or both.
  - §61-8A-5. Employment or use of minor to produce obscene matter or assist in doing sexually explicit conduct; penalties.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$50,000
    - Confined in a state correctional facility for not more than 10 years, or both.

#### ICAC Related WV Laws & Sentencing Guidelines

- ARTICLE 8C. FILMING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT OF MINORS.
  - §61-8C-2. Use of minors in filming sexually explicit conduct prohibited; penalty.
    - Felony
    - Fined not more than \$10,000
    - Imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than 10 years, or both fined and imprisoned.
  - §61-8C-3. Distribution and exhibiting of material depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct prohibited; penalty.
    - Felony
    - Imprisoned in the penitentiary for not more than 2 years
    - Fined not more than \$2,000.

- 911, if an emergency
- WV ICAC Task Force
  - 304-293-6401
  - www.wvcrime.com
  - Any State Police Detachment
- Affiliate Agencies
- CyberTipline
  - A component of NCMEC
  - Collects tips, complaints and leads on Internet child exploitation
  - 24 hour hotline
  - **1-800-843-5678**
  - www.cybertipline.com

www.wvcrime.com



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#### WELCOME

Welcome to the West Virginia Crime Reduction & Information Management Effort (WVCRIME) website. This site was developed with you, the citizens of our great state, in mind. It provides an easy way for you to report nonemergency criminal acts, to provide information on criminal activity and to help us solve ongoing investigations in and around your community. Please take a moment to look around the website and I believe you will see how you can quickly become our eyes and ears throughout West Virginia. So, let's work together and put a stop to crime!

WARNING - In case of Emergency, Call 911

Colonel T. S. Pack, Superintendent

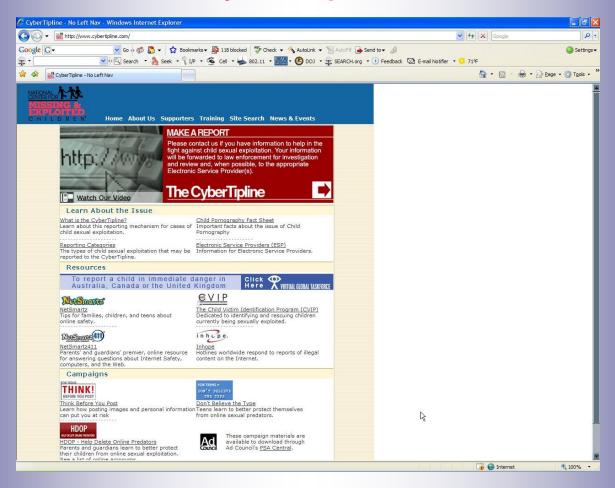








www.cybertipline.com











How to Report

**Child Sexual Exploitation** 



#### NCMEC

- Serves as a clearinghouse on missing & exploited children
- Provides technical assistance to law enforcement on prevention, investigation and prosecution
- Distributes photos of missing & exploited children worldwide
- **1-800-843-5678**
- www.missingkids.com

# Internet Crimes Against Children Cyber Tipline Reporting

 Empowers the public to take immediate action regarding child sexual exploitation.

 Assists all levels of law enforcement by providing a clearinghouse for reporting and information sharing

# Internet Crimes Against Children CyberTipline Categories

- Possession, manufacture and distribution of child pornography
- Online enticement of minors
- Child prostitution
- Child sex tourism
- Sexual molestation
- Unsolicited obscenity sent to a child.

# Internet Crimes Against Children CyberTipline Statistics (9/10)

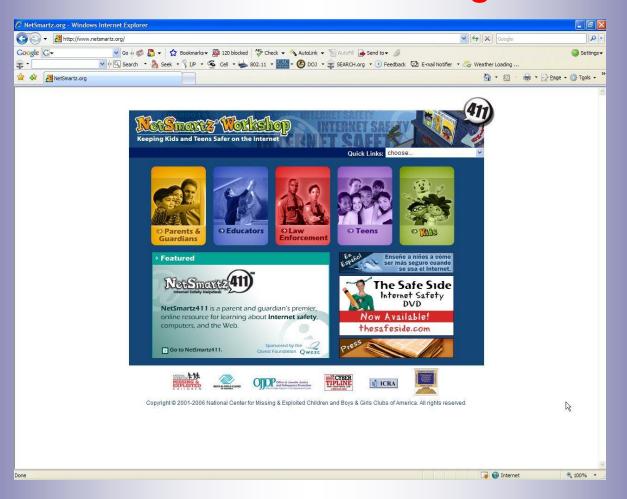
TYPE OF INCIDENT	WEEKLY	PROJECT TO DATE
Child Pornography	2,893	843,477
Child Prostitution	31	9,012
Child Sex Tourism	10	3,443
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	38	18,449
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	71	50,487
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child	10	8,704
TOTAL # OF REPORTS	3,053	933,572

#### www.missingkids.com



- NetSmartz Workshop
  - Online tips, activities and Internet safety news
  - Educational resources "activity cards"
  - Internet safety pledges for parents/teachers
  - A safe site for children
  - **1-800-843-5678**
  - www.netsmartz.org
  - www.netsmartzkids.org

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- ICAC Task Forces
  - Assist state and local law enforcement in child exploitation cases
  - WVSP ICAC Unit & Task Force
    - 304-293-6401
    - Schedule an Internet Safety Presentation
  - www.icactraining.org

#### www.icactraining.org



Internet Safety Websites

www.safekids.com

www.getnetwise.org





Great sites for researching the Internet!!!

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